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SUBJECT: LOS: PROPOSED INTERIM LEGISLATION ON DEEP SEABED MINING
AND 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE

REF: A) STATE 193106; B) STATE 193107

1. GVN HAS LONG COASTLINE AND IS GREATLY INTERESTED IN ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF OFFSHORE RESOURCES. CONSEQUENTLY GVN HAS BROAD CONTINENTAL SHELF CLAIMS AND IN DECEMBER 1962 DECLARED AN EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE EXTENDING 50 NAUTICAL MILES BEYOND THE TERRITORIAL SEA. ACTION IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON LEGISLATION EXTENDING TERRITORIAL WATERS TO 12 NAUTICAL MILES WAS HELD UP PENDING RESULTS OF CARACAS CONFERENCE BUT COULD BE REVIVED AT ANY TIME.

2. USG PROTESTED GVN EXTENSION OF FISHING ZONE AND WE BELIEVE SUSPENSION OF ACTION ON TERRITORIAL WATERS LEGISLATION WAS AT
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LEAST PARTLY DUE TO US POSITION AGAINST UNILATERAL ACTION ON
SUCH MATTERS UNTIL THEY COULD BE CONSIDERED IN INTERNATIONAL
CONTEXT.

3. PASSAGE OF US 200 MILES FISHERY BILL WOULD UNDERMINE
TRADITIONAL US POSITION AGAINST UNILATERAL ACTIONS IN LOS MATTERS
AND COULD ENCOURAGE GVN NOT ONLY TO PASS TERRITORIAL WATERS BILL
BUT PERHAPS ALSO TO TAKE FURTHER UNILATERAL POSITIONS OF TYPE
WHICH HAS ALREADY CAUSED DISPUTES WITH SOME OF HER NEIGHBORS.
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